



FOOTHILLS ART ASSOCIATION

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2023

Peoples' Choice

February 18th

Artist Reception 1:00pm-3pm

February 28th

Winners Announced

MARCH 2023

Expanded Media Show

March 2nd

Take in-take-down

2:30pm-5:00pm

Members Meeting &

Sarah Sullivan Demo

5:30pm-7:30pm

March 4th

Sarah Sullivan Workshop-

"Working with Gouache"

10:00am-1:00pm

March 6th

Board Meeting 10:00am-11:00am

March 25th

Bonnie Owen Reception

3:00pm-5:00pm

APRIL 2023

Annual Member's

Juried Show

April 6th

Take in Take down

2:30pm-5:00pm

Members Meeting &

Minnie Valero Demo

5:30pm-7:30pm

April 8th

Minnie Valero Workshop-

"Watercolor Adventure"

10:00am-1:00pm

April 3rd

Board Meeting 10:00am-11:00am

April 15th

Geri Dorfi Artist Reception

3:30pm-5:30pm

FOOTNOTES

MARCH 2023

<https://foothillsartassociation.com>



My Tide Pool by Bonnie Owen

The Featured Artist for March is Bonnie Owen

Bonnie Owen is committed to optimism! In a world so full of stress and angst her art endeavors to relieve the viewer from the woes of the world and allow them space to breathe in the simple joys of life. Bonnie focuses on moments of play, creativity and fun. She often used the naivete of children to allow us to experience a fleeting moment in a child's life and to remember one in ours.

A native of Southern California, Bonnie studied Art at both California Western University and the University of Hawaii, earning a Bachelor of Art degree in Fine Art.

After working in the hospitality industry for several years Bonnie went back to school to study digital illustration and graphic design at the University of San Diego. She then founded JO Design. Her clients included several universities, corporations and online educational companies. Her work has been featured in magazines, online programs, and she has illustrated several books.

A painter at heart, Bonnie now works primarily in acrylic on canvas. Her latest project "The Way We Played" is a series of paintings based on the games children played before the internet.

Bonnie is grateful to family and friends for their inspiration and support. Her work can be seen in galleries around San Diego and Orange County, on FineArtAmerica.com, and in collections around the world.

(See more of Bonnie's work on Page 3)

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R.J. Pinner

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or call during Gallery hours
Gallery (619) 464-7167



Message from the President

Hello All-

I hope that everyone is enjoying the return of the sun ☀️! As we move into Spring, I am asking you to remember that Foothills is everyone's gallery and it is time to volunteer if possible. You will see a list of volunteer opportunities a bit later in the newsletter so please take a look and see if anything appeals to you or if you have skill sets that could help us out. There are emails listed so that you can reach out to the person who is in charge of each category and ask questions or simply add your name to their volunteer list. It is an amazing opportunity to meet new people, understand better how the gallery works, as well as commit to something that you are truly a part of.

We would also invite you to send us any of your suggestions and ideas about what you might like to see happen for Foothills in the future. Let's design our gallery the way we would like it to be!

Please remember to come to the gallery and cast your votes for The Old Masters Show this month. You can cast 5 votes and the winner will be the artist who has the most votes. There will be a reception on February 18th between 1:00-3:00pm. Please come and vote and view our fabulous Artist of the Month, R.J. Pinner.

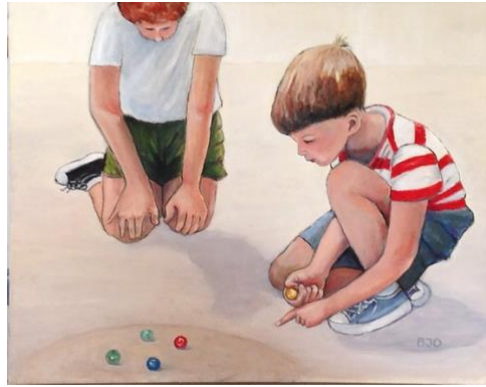
Thanks in advance for your support of the gallery and I hope to see everyone at the reception!

Best to you,
Peggy Connolly
FAA President

The Featured Artist for March is Bonnie Owen (Continued from Page 1)



Swim Class by Bonnie Owen



Marble Shooter by Bonnie Owen



Rocket Boy by Bonnie Owen

The Demonstrating Artist for March is Sarah Sullivan

Over the years, I have gotten such pleasure from sketching, printmaking, and painting. I was a childhood artist, along with my sisters. As I grew, my art habit competed with being a student, a mother, a teacher, and a middle school principal. Even so, I filled my sketchbooks with the places I visited, people I knew, scenes from the schools where I worked, and most importantly, my children and husband. Now that I have more time, I have immersed myself in urban sketching and plein air painting, which has led to developing preferences for the materials I use and the scenes I paint. I mainly use gouache on a black surface and paint scenes that feature contrast, shapes, and color. I apply the gouache with strong brushstrokes, float color across parts of the painting, and allow line to be revealed as I paint. Although I like a subject matter that tells a story, I almost always abstract the subject by simplifying its shapes and color.

Below are some of images of Sarah's beautiful work. The first image is a sketch she will use at her demo.



Sketch by Sarah Sullivan



Thursday Morning by Sarah Sullivan



Path Along the Wash by Sarah Sullivan

The San Diego County Fair Fine Art Submissions is open.
The deadline is April 21, 2023.
Sdfair.com

FOOTHILLS ART ASSOCIATION February 2023 Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 10am, February 6th, 2023

Attendees: Peggy Connolly, Gary Dyak, Barbara Drews, Judy Sawyer, Roz Oserin, Bonnie Owen, and Roberta Labastida

1. Peggy made a People's Choice ballot box and ballot voting slips for the Old Masters Exhibit. The reception is scheduled for February 18th from 1-3pm. Judy has booked Featured Artists for all the months in 2023.
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3. It was reiterated that to qualify to enter the Annual Members Juried Show, members need to have exhibited artwork at the Gallery a minimum of three times during the months May through March. This rule does not apply to new members who have joined Foothills in the three months prior to the Annual Members Show.
4. Barbara motioned that Foothills spend up to \$100.00 for the reception of The Octogenarian Exhibit. Roz seconded the motion, and it was unanimously passed.
5. Roz motioned that Foothills will donate \$200.00 in award money for the San Diego County Fair Fine Art exhibit.
6. Gary motioned a change to Standing Rules for Exhibits, Section I / Rules Governing Monthly Exhibits / Acceptable Work / Paragraph C to read; No craft including metal work, rock work, glass work, fiber work, paper sculpture and ceramics. **No reprints or reproductions of original artwork**, or photography are permitted but are permitted in the Expanded Media Exhibit in March. The Exhibits Department will be the final judge as to the acceptability of all media, including mixed media work employing one or more of the aforementioned craft media. Roz seconded the motion and the motion passed. Members will vote on the Bylaw change at the March General Members meeting.

The next Board will meet on March 6th at 10am.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15am.

The Demonstration and Workshop by Sneha Craig was a big success!

Sneha's demo was attended with about 20 members. Her vibrant colors and abstract technique were inspiring, and at the workshop all had a chance to play with her fun tools, including circle drawing apparatus and refillable paint pens. Some interesting and fun designs were created!



MEMBERS NEWS & EVENTS

Roz Oserin

Roz Oserin's new watercolor *Secret Rendezvous* was juried into the San Diego Watercolor Society's February Show. The show will be up Wed-Sun 11-3 until Feb 18th.



Carol McClure

Carol will be the Featured Artist at the San Carlos Library in April. The show will be up from April 5- May1. Reception on April 15 12N-2pm. This is *The Owl*.



Sarah Sullivan

Her *Thursday Morning* accepted into Western Federation of Watercolor Societies.



Roberta Labastida

Her painting *Light as Air* was accepted into the San Diego Watercolor Society February Show.



From Paul White

Paul has been having fun manipulating photos of some of his 200 succulents.



From Gloria Henderson

Thirsty Kitty was accepted to hand and *So Glad* was accepted as an alternate.

From Rustin Holec

I will be having a showing at Studio 23 in Spanish Village March 16-March 31. All welcome to come by and view. For sure I'll be hosting the studio on March 16 and one other day to be determined.



Join the Fun and Volunteer!

Volunteers are what makes the Foothills Art Association great. Friendly people coming together to support each other in their artistic journey is fulfilling and fun! We hope you will join us in volunteering. Opportunities listed below:

Description of Committees & Volunteer Opportunities

Take Down/ Take in for Change of Shows

Committee Leads: Jo Ann Bray - jobray08@att.net

Co- Leads – Roberta Labastida- rudylabastida@cox.net - Toby Scriba- TARTS2000@aol.com

Responsibilities include:

Arrive 15 minutes early to prepare gallery.

Complete intake document on the computer, print cards, number paintings, carry all paintings to and from gallery area

Sign up gallery sitters on computer.

General cleanup / putting away tables and chairs etc.

This is usually done on the first Thursday of every month and the time is determined by the time of year.

- 2-3 volunteers needed (training provided)

Hangin Committee: Barbara Drews/ Committee Lead - sdsailorgirl@yahoo.com

Responsibilities include:

Under the direction of the committee lead, paintings and cards are placed appropriately for design purposes. Any residual paintings need to be placed on the back rack with cardboard in between for safe keeping. A list of all residual paintings should be made for the back rack and once every two months those people should be called and reminded to pick up their paintings. A full membership list with phone numbers is available in a book at the front desk.

- 2-3 volunteers needed (training provided)

Sitting the Gallery: Renee Ciufu / Committee Lead - reneeciufu@gmail.com

As a member of the Foothills Art Gallery, it is a requirement that all members sit the gallery for one shift once a month, and if you are the Artist of the Month, you need to sit two Saturdays during the month. There are two shifts per day- 11:00-1:30pm, 1:30-4:00pm Tuesday thru Saturday. (There are some caveats to these dates)

Responsibilities include- helping to sign up members on-line through our website for sitting the gallery, updating the calendar etc. (training provided).

- *All members are expected to sit the gallery*
- *You can sign up for gallery sitting on our website-<https://foothillsartassociation.com/>*

Artist Demo & Workshop Committee: Linda Morton/Committee Lead- lm@cwsl.edu

Foothills Art Association arranges monthly Demos and Workshops by well-known artists for all interested members. Service on the Demo Committee is a great way to meet and get to know a variety of accomplished artists in San Diego County.

Responsibilities include coordinating with committee members to create a roster of potential artists to invite to demonstrate and teach a workshop. Volunteers will set up demos and workshops.

- 1-2 Volunteers needed (training provided)

Hospitality Committee: Carole McClure/ Committee Lead - wobbles1942@yahoo.com

Responsibilities include- Bringing a small food item to share and help with set up and tear down of the kitchen for our members meeting. Make coffee, set out plates, cups, make sure there is enough water in the refrigerator etc.

- 3 Volunteers needed on and off to fill in
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Volunteer Coordinator- General – send email to Peggy at clearlightprod@gmail.com

Responsibilities include:

Compiling a list of all volunteers, supplying volunteers to the gallery when needed to fill in where needed. 1 Volunteer needed

Social Media Volunteer- send email to Peggy at clearlightprod@gmail.com

Responsibilities include:

Posting to our social media sites with any Foothills news, receptions, and exciting dates that come up throughout the year.

- 1 Volunteered Needed

Wildlife In Art Committee- *We would like to find a Committee Lead for The Wildlife in Art Show which takes place in November. Send email to Peggy at clearlightprod@gmail.com*

This is our largest show and requires a fair amount of help, various time commitments depending on volunteer positions.

Responsibilities include-

- Writing letters and other various communications to sponsors
- Reaching out to the list of compiled artists in our database to send show prospectus and reminder letters about submissions
- Marketing Volunteer- find new ways to market the Wildlife in Art Show to create broader awareness of the show and for Foothills gallery in general
- Graphic designer to create video for reception
- Create Awards etc.
- Many volunteers for set up and tear down of the show itself
- Thank you letters to sponsors

All Training provided

Accepted Media for Shows

Our Rules for Entry for all shows **except** the Expanded Media Show are stated as:

“Accepted Media: Oil, acrylic, pastel, watercolor, Scratchboard, graphics (etchings, wood, and line-block prints), serigraphs, pencil, pen & ink. **The Expanded Media Show is the only show that accepts prints as well as original art.**”

Below are 2 Entry forms to be filled in for the Expanded Media Show. When you bring in your work, please attach one to the back of your piece, the other to be given to the volunteer accepting work

Foothills Entry Form Expanded Media Show – March 2023	
Title _____	
Name _____	
Phone _____	
	Price _____

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FOOTHILLS ART ASSOCIATION
P. O. Box 794
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THE FOOTHILLS ART ASSOCIATION WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

<u>Enhanced Membership</u> (includes hanging/selling + website gallery)	\$ 45.00
<u>Active Member</u> (includes hanging/selling privileges)	\$ 35.00
<u>Associate Member</u> (excludes hanging/selling privileges)	\$ 25.00
<u>Junior Member</u> (under 18-years old)	\$ 20.00

New Member Renewed Updated Info

Are you interested in volunteering to help with Foothills' activities? Yes ___ No ___

My signature below releases the Foothills Art Association and all persons connected with the exhibiting and handling of works of art submitted by me from any responsibility for the loss or damage by fire, theft or other hazards connected with the exhibiting and handling of those works.

Signed _____ Date _____

Print and complete this renewal form and mail it with your check to:
Foothills Art Association, P.O. Box 794, La Mesa, CA 91944-0794